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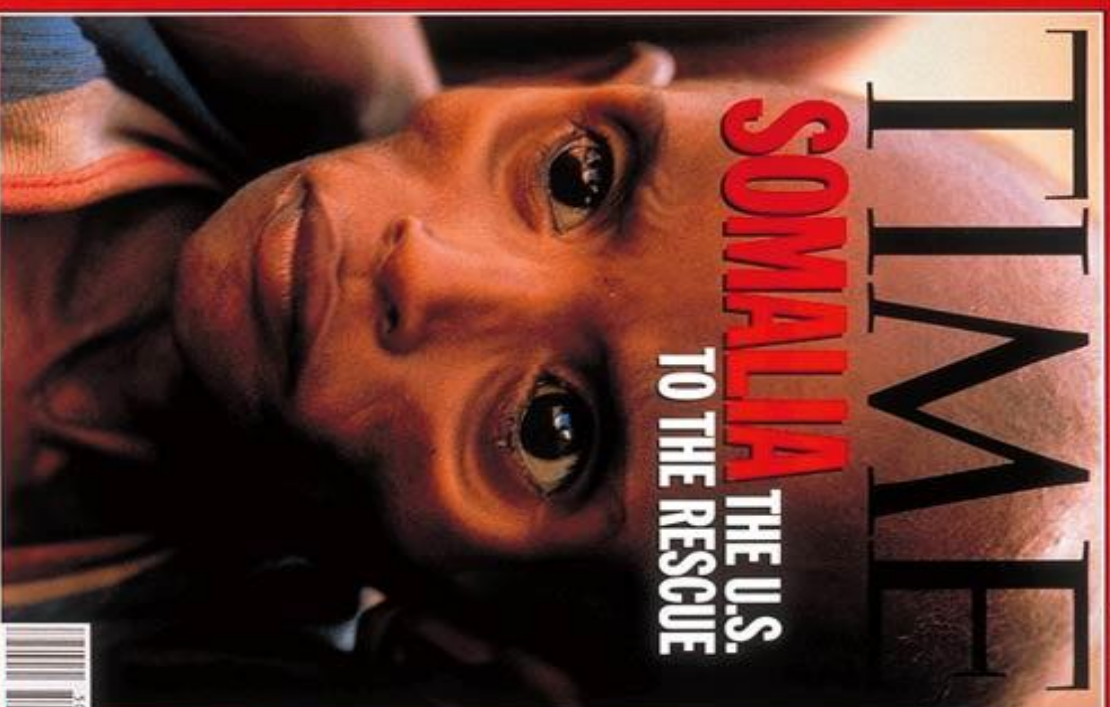
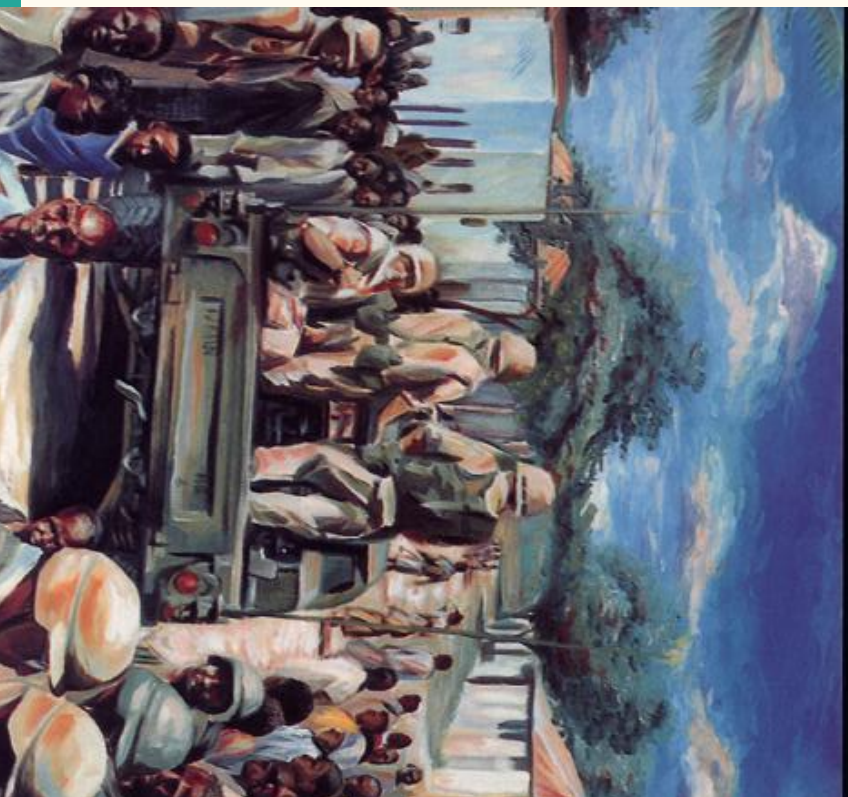
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The United States Army in

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1992-1994



# What was going on?

- Somalis were starving and hardly had food
- The U.S. started relief operations to help with starvation
- Lawless gangs then took the relief supplies that were sent over and traded them for weapons
- By the 1990's, more than 80% of the food that was brought in internationally was stolen by clans.
- Between 1991 and 1992, more than 300,000 Somalis died of starvation.

# Intervention and the Results

- Started with Peacekeepers from the U.N trying to sort out clans, private armies, and relief organizations in July of 1992.
- President George H.W. Bush then initiated “Operation Restore Hope” and allowed troops to go over to Somalia and help with famine relief in December of 1992
- 2 Black Hawk helicopters were shot down in 1993
- About 20 U.S. soldiers died and hundreds of Somalis died
- Once Clinton was inaugurated, he then withdrew almost all troops four days later and only 1200 troops remained
- All troops left in March 1994 and United Nations withdrew in 1995